(*c*) whether the Excise Inspector, Palayannur, has visited these outposts during the period mentioned in (*b*); if so, the dates on which he has visited each of the outposts referred to in (*a*);

(*d*) whether the Inspector has conducted any enquiry in the cases detected by the staff of the outposts; if so, whether any record is available to show that he has made inquiries; if available, will the Government be pleased to place those records or extracts therefrom on the table of the House?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* (*a*) Two posts, *viz.* Mayannur and Pampady with two peons in each post.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) Yes; Mayannur post on 15th Chingam 1115, 29th Chingam 1115, 29th Kanni 1115, 13th Thulam 1115 and 23rd Thulam 1115 and the Pampady post on 6th Chingam 1115, 13th Chingam 1115, 18th Kanni 1115, 28th Kanni 1115, 9th Thulam 1115 and 22nd Thulam 1115.

(*d*) Yes, in two tobacco cases reported by the Post orderlies, the Sub-Inspector questioned the accused persons and they confessed their guilt. No written statements are recorded in such cases and so no statements were taken. No record is therefore available.

PALAYANNUR EXCISE RANGE—COMPLAINTS REGARDING ARRESTS, DETENTION, ETC.

178. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have had any occasion to take action against any Excise Officers or subordinates under sections 59 and 60 of the Cochin Abkari Act (Act I of 1077) for vexatious search or arrest of vexatious delay, in the years 1113 and 1114;

(*b*) whether any complaints have been received by the Excise Commissioner during the last 3 months of 1114 and 1st 3 months of 1115 against the Excise Inspector, Palayannur Range, alleging that there has been such arrests, detention or delays;

(*c*) if answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether any action has been taken in that matter, whether

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enquiries were conducted, if so, who made the enquiries ?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise.

PALAYANNUR EXCISE RANGE—PARTICULARS REGARDING CASES, ETC.

179. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

The following particulars with regard to the cases detected from the Palayannur Excise Range for offences under section 55 of the Cochin Abkari Act during Kanni and Thulam of 1115—

(*a*) the names of offenders;

(*b*) the date on which detection was made;

(*c*) whether any liquor, intoxicating drug, still, utensils, implements, apparatus or receptacle were taken to custody;

(*d*) whether the offender was arrested on the spot;

(*e*) the place from which liquor, drug, utensils, etc., were taken in search;

(*f*) the officer or officers who detected and conducted the search;

(*g*) whether dwelling houses were searched in any of these cases; if so, that may be specified ?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* The cases are subjudice and the matters cannot therefore be revealed at this stage.

PALAYANNUR EXCISE RANGE—NUMBER OF CASES DETECTED

180. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement showing the following particulars.—

(*a*) the number of cases of illicit practices detected by the Excise Inspector, Palayannur or his subordinates of the preventive staff during Chingam and Kanni of 1115;

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